

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL  
FEBRUARY 12, 2013, 7:00 P. M.

BOARD MEMBERS:

ANDY KOBISA, SUPERVISOR  
JOANN WILKIE, CLERK  
STARLEEN EDDY, TREASURER  
MARY JO LETTS, TRUSTEE  
BOB DAVIS, TRUSTEE

VISITORS:

LIST WITH CLERK'S COPY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order by leading them to the pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dave Rothman, owns property on Lakeshore Dr., was present and shared some information that Boyce Hydro Company plans on lowering the dam by Edenville by at least four feet. The older dam needs work on it. The repairs are going to cost approximately 8 million dollars. The same company did this to Sanford Dam and run out of money to finance it. The land owners around the lake ended up paying the bill off. Mr. Rothman will keep us updated to any new information.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 8, 2013 meeting were distributed before the meeting. Bob moved to approve the minutes and Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report as of January 31, 2013 was handed out before meeting. Bob moved to accept the report and Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CIVIL ENGINEERING CO.-HOPE'S WATER PROJECT:**

John and Mark were present to explain how the bids went for the contracts for Hope's water project. Contract 1 and contract 2 were awarded to the lowest bidder, Bilacic Company. Contract 3 was awarded to the lowest bidder but John & Mark are checking out their references and other work reports, before officially awarding the job. The Bond signing is tentatively set for March 21, 2013, barring no problems. Once the water project is started they are allowed 180 days to finish with a leeway of 60 more days in case of problems. Water project should be done around Thanksgiving 2013 barring no major setbacks.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:**

The outstanding bills for the General, Fire and Solid Waste were handed out earlier with the Clerk's minutes. Bob moved to pay the bills and Starleen seconded the motion- A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Starleen yes      Andy yes

FIRE DEPT.:

Cliff Blake gave the report as F.C. Reisig was sick. There were 11 runs in January. Six were medical, 1 good intent, and 4 mutual aids. The park and chapel fire extinguishers need to be recharged. The town hall and the fire Hall extinguishers have been done. There is an emergency medical training at the Homer training facility on Feb.20, 13. It is from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Tanker 930 will be available to sell for around \$3500.00. Salvaging it out was not profitable. The new fire truck is back from the paint shop. It should be ready for delivery around the middle or end of March.

HOPE FIRE AUXILIARY:

We elected new officers at the last meeting. Lola Reisig is chairperson, Dori Allen is vice chair, Amber Valley is Treasurer and Jan Bates is new secretary. It is nice to have younger people helping with our officers positions. The dates for 2013 right now are- Aug. 24-Fund raiser, Oct. 31 is trunk or Treat at Park, and Dec. 1 the Santa Workshop which will be held at our Town hall and the Fire Dept. Hall.

PARK COMMISSION REPORT:

The Park's first meeting for 2013 will be Mar. 5, 2013 at the township hall at 7:00 p.m. They will be setting up guidelines for a new roof on the pavilion. They are also waiting to hear from the Kiwanis Group concerning painting the pavilion. The park will be looking for a new caretaker as Don Dice has retired. Don and Diane Dice have done a tremendous job and we cannot thank them enough.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Their first meeting of 2013 was Feb. 6, 2013. They discussed what they should consider for this year. Discussion concerning the large wind turbines was agreed that our locality was not a good place for them so we probably will never have to be concerned. The next meeting will be May 1, 2013.

HOPE TOWNSHIP'S WATER PROJECT:

The Engineers were present and updated the water progress. They will be back to our next meeting to keep the township updated of the water project.

We have three bills to okay for the payment from the county.

- 1) Civil Engineering-\$9,125 & \$1,805= totaling \$10,930.00  
Bob moved and Mary second to pay bill- a roll call vote was polled-  
Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Mary yes Andy yes
- 2) Bill Fahey, water attorney, \$209.00, Andy moved and Bob seconded to pay bill. A roll call vote was called-  
Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes
- 3) First American Title-\$100.00, Andy moved and Bob seconded. A roll call vote was polled-  
JoAnn yes Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes Andy yes

CHAPEL COMMISSION:

The commission will be going out for new bids for lawn mowing for the old and new cemetery. We are waiting for Wilbur Havens to get back in Mar for a meeting.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Bob reported that the new board for 2013 is- Dan Slagle-Chairperson, Rodney Sweet-vice chair and Ruth Knapp is treas. The next meeting will be Feb. 28, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. @ County Building.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

They have not met this year yet but will shortly.

HOPE TWP. ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

They met the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. Their recommendations were-

- A- Hull Road from Hope Rd. to Five Mile Rd.,  
Five Mile Rd from Hull Rd to Schaffer Rd.
- B- If not enough road funding then their B-PLAN is  
Pave Five Mile Rd. and prep Hull Rd. from Five Mile Rd.  
To Hope Rd.

Mary moved to go with Plan A if possible and if not enough funding to go with Plan B and Starleen seconded the motion- A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes      Mary yes      Andy yes      JoAnn yes      Starleen yes

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO NOT COLLECT INTEREST FROM FEB. 14--28

Mary moved that, whereas, Hope Township respects their residents and feels they should not be charged interest in that time frame.

And Whereas, some of our residents need the time until the 28<sup>th</sup>, we will not burden them with more interest charges. Bob seconded ad a roll call vote was called-

Bob yes      Mary yes      Starleen yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

Starleen moved to adjourn #8:28 p.m.

Mary seconded-ADJOURNED-